

Checklist for setting .26 hearing for sibling group members:

Factors that you may consider in setting a .26 hearing for one or more members of a sibling group include [WIC §366.21(e); CRC 1460(g)]:

- ☐ Whether the sibling group was removed from the home as a group;
- ☐ The strength of the sibling bond;
- ☐ The children's ages;
- ☐ The suitability of keeping the siblings together;
- ☐ Any detriment to the child if sibling ties are not maintained;
- ☐ Likelihood of finding a permanent home for the sibling group;
- ☐ Whether the siblings are currently together in a preadoptive home or have a concurrent plan objective of legal permanency in the same home;
- ☐ The wishes of each child who is capable of having a meaningful response to the situation; and
- ☐ The best interest of each child.